



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Agenda Item No. 3.0

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MPO Policy Committee DRAFT Meeting Minutes March 10, 2011 – 10:00 a.m.

**Cook County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois**

MPO Policy Committee Members Present:

Mark Avery – DuPage County (Representing Tom Cuculich), Marty Buehler – Lake County, Lynette Ciavarella – Metra (Representing William Tupper), Joe Deal – Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Secretary Gary Hannig – Illinois Department of Transportation, R.A. Kwasneski - Pace, Wes Lujan – Class I Railroads (Representing Mike Payette), Dennis Mondero – Chicago Transit Authority (Representing Richard Rodriguez), Leanne Redden – Regional Transportation Authority, Tom Rickert - Kane County (Representing Karen McConnaughay), Jeffery Schielke – Council of Mayors, Norman Stoner – Federal Highway Administration, Bobby Ware – Chicago Department of Transportation, David Werner – Federal Transit Administration (Representing Marisol Simon), Rocco Zucchero – Illinois Tollway (Representing Kristi Lafleur)

Absent:

Elliott Hartstein - Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Kenneth Koehler – McHenry County, John McCarthy – Private Providers, Joseph Moreno – Cook County, John Purcell – Kendall County, Larry Walsh – Will County

Staff Present:

Patricia Berry, Randy Blankenhorn, Ylda Capriccioso, Kama Dobbs, Don Kopec, Jill Leary, Matt Maloney, Holly Osttick, Ross Patronsky, Kermit Wies

Others Present:

Reggie Arkeel – Federal Transit Administration, Marva Boyd – Illinois Department of Transportation, John Donovan – Federal Highway Administration, Don Gismondi – Chicago Transit Authority, Chuck Ingersoll – Illinois Department of Transportation, Jon-Paul Kohler – Federal Highway Administration, Jim LaBelle – Metropolis Strategies, Bill Lenski – Regional Transportation Authority, Jason Osborn – McHenry County Department of Transportation, Mark Pitstick – Regional Transportation Authority, T.J. Ross – Pace, David Seglin – Chicago Department of Transportation, Susan Stitt – Illinois Department of Transportation, Mike Sullivan – Kane-Kendall Council of Mayors

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

At 10:10 a.m., Chairman Hannig called the meeting to order. Introductions of those present for the meeting were made.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – January 13, 2011

On a motion by Mayor Schielke, seconded by Mr. Buehler, the minutes of the January 13, 2011 meeting of the Policy Committee were approved.

4.0 Agency Reports

4.1 Council of Mayors' Report

Mayor Schielke reported that the Councils have expended \$10.87 million in STP funds this fiscal year. The Executive Committee met on February 22nd and approved two advanced funding requests totaling \$6,570,704. They also approved the FY12 PL Scope of Services and UWP request.

4.2 CMAP Report

Mr. Kopec provided a brief summary of Congressman Mica's field hearing held at the DuPage County Airport. He also noted that Congress has passed, and the President signed, an extension of SAFETEA-LU through the end of the federal fiscal year.

He concluded by summarizing the President's proposal for reauthorization which contains a number of constructive features but unfortunately does not have an adequate funding stream.

5.0 Policy Committee Appointment to the CMAP Board

Secretary Hannig made a recommendation that the Policy Committee member from the RTA, Leanne Redden, serve as the Committee's representative on the CMAP Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Avery and unanimously approved.

6.0 CMAP Board / MPO Policy Committee Memorandum of Understanding

Ms. Berry reminded the Committee of the need to annually review and approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the Policy Committee and the CMAP Board. This year, as a result of changes in the committee structure at CMAP, minor editorial changes in the MOU were necessary. Ms. Berry reviewed the changes for the Committee. On a motion by Mr. Kwasneski, seconded by Mayor Schielke, the Memorandum of Understanding was approved.

7.0 CMAP's 2011 State Agenda

Ms. Capriccioso briefed the Committee on the state legislative agenda that has been endorsed by the CMAP Board. That agenda specifically supports the goals and policies established in GO TO 2040. Additionally, staff is beginning to produce a series of issue

briefs, the first of which addresses the 55/45 split for highway funding between downstate and northeastern Illinois. Staff is hoping to develop an awareness of this issue among local elected officials.

Ms. Capriccioso then covered a number of bills in the legislature, stating whether CMAP supported the bill or not.

8.0 Semi-annual TIP / GO TO 2040 Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment

Ms. Berry reported that the TIP Amendment and associated Conformity Analysis was completed and released for a public comment period that ended February 22nd. No comments were received. Mr. Buehler asked when the next TIP Amendment would be processed and Ms. Berry responded that TIP amendments would need to be submitted in June and will be considered by the Policy Committee at their October meeting.

On a motion by Ms. Redden, seconded by Mr. Buehler, the TIP amendment and associated conformity analysis finding were unanimously approved.

9.0 Update on CMAP Research and Analysis Activities

Mr. Wies made a presentation to the committee detailing work that CMAP is doing to improve its modeling tools and gather additional data through its Travel Tracker Survey. Both of these efforts are detailed in the FY 2011 Work Plan.

He noted that there are two areas where improvements in our modeling process are desired. The first is in the modeling of freight transportation and the second in highway pricing. We recently had a peer exchange which provided very useful information in both of these areas.

Regarding travel data, Mr. Wies remarked that difficult to reach households needed to be better represented in the original Travel Tracker Survey. This was especially true for the Latino community. CMAP will be issuing a RFP soon to have a consultant help us obtain better information through a Latino Survey.

10.0 FTA Subarea Allocation between Indiana-Illinois and Wisconsin-Illinois and Designated Recipients of Section 5307 and Section 5340 Capital and Planning Funds

Ms. Berry presented the recommended splits for Section 5307 and Section 5340 FTA funds between Illinois and Indiana and between Illinois and Wisconsin. She also reported on the recommended distribution of those funds among the CTA, Metra and Pace. She asked for approval of Resolutions 11-01 through 11-05 contingent upon approval of the RTA Board. On a motion by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Ware the Resolutions were approved.

11.0 RTA / IDOT / Pace Bus on Shoulders of I-55

Mr. Bill Lenski of the RTA presented the work of the RTA, IDOT and Pace looking at putting express buses on the shoulders of I-55. He described the corridor, the travel characteristics and a short history of its development. He noted that High-Occupancy

Vehicle (HOV) Lanes were examined in the early 1990s and that a section of the Stevenson Expressway was built with shoulders ready to accept traffic. He also explained the purpose of this demonstration project and what the benefits would be expected. Mr. Lenski explained some of the physical characteristics of the facility including the signage to be used.

It was noted that the Phase I Engineering is complete and Design Approval has been received from IDOT. Some of the improvements required will be added to IDOT's upcoming I-55 resurfacing project. The anticipated cost of these improvements is \$900,000. CMAQ is providing some of the funding. It is anticipated that the bus on shoulder operations will begin in November of this year.

Mr. Kwasneski thanked the RTA for moving forward with this project.

12.0 Other Business

There was no other business for the Committee.

13.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment from the meeting attendees.

14.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Policy Committee is scheduled for June 9, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

15.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Mayor Schielke, seconded by Mr. Buehler, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.